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Over Two Thousand Refugees Now in Hickman

GOV. LEVEE BREAKS.

At 4:45 Friday afternoon the big government levee, protecting thousands of acres of farm lands below Hickman, broke at a point about five miles below town going through Jarve Anderson's place, bringing to naught one of the hardest fights ever waged against the treacherous waters of the Mississippi. Ten days previous to the crisis, a thousand men worked night and day in an effort to hold the water behind the embankment. The worst part of it was that men worked much of the time in a drenching rain, wading mud and slush, going without sleep or rest for almost a week, and, at times, doing without food for 48 hours at a stretch.

A small break first occurred—a stream of muddy water spouting up from beneath the bags of sand. Lester George's crew of negroes were on the section which gave away, and they did commendable work. Bags of sand were dashed into the break with wonderful rapidity, but the greedy flood, long delayed, soon ate its way down into the levee, and, gathering power with every inch of vantage, soon became a raging torrent through the big earthen chain. All the while the faithful negroes continued to rush heavy sacks up the slipping embankment, wading water almost waist deep and facing a current which literally swept their feet from under them at times. But the fight was lost. In less time than it takes to tell it, the water covered the surrounding ground and had torn away, as though it had been a mound of straw, the levee to a width of 15 or 20 feet. Seeing the utter hopelessness of the task, work was abandoned and warning sent over the wires of the levee telephone system, which had been established to keep the levee workers in touch with each other. Sheriff Johnson stood in water over his knees when he sent the last message. The frail efforts of man against the giant waterway were unevenly matched. Wind and waves were really the "straw that broke the camel's back." The water was being held in many places with sand bags where it was higher than the levee by several inches.

The breach of course widened, sweeping trees, houses, fences, etc., like chaff in a wind, until now it is upwards of a mile in width. The thousand men engaged in the work hurriedly sought places of safety, and no lives were lost. Three negroes are said to have become excited when the break occurred and ran behind the levee instead of staying on it, and were forced to climb trees, where they were found three days later.

Anticipating the worst, steamboats, launches and skiffs were held in readiness for the emergency. These were hurriedly dispatched from Hickman and picked up those cut off from retreat. Capt. A. A. Faris brought in 200 people on the Str. May Stewart Saturday morning, after an all-night search. Many of these were taken from roofs and tree tops. Some were singing and praying, others cursing; but sinner and saint alike were brought to safety. Throughout the day Saturday, refugees continued to pour into Hickman adding to the population of our tented city and filling the bread lines.

As yet, no deaths have been reported.

Government Levee Broke Friday Afternoon Rendering Many More People Homeless. 170 Square Miles Agricultural Lands Under Water. Situation at Hickman Still Serious. War Department Furnishes Tents and Food. River Falling Gives Promise of Relief. Clinton Street Submerged. Water Reached 54 Feet on Cairo Gauge. Highest Ever Recorded. Loss in Bottoms Enormous. C. M. & G. R. R. Put Out of Business. Several Miles of Track Out Between Hickman and Tiptonville. Relief Well in Hand.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

In addition to the temporary disaster, occasioned by the breaking of the government levee, thousands of people will be rendered homeless in the flooded district for weeks yet to come, and will likewise be without employment or means of self-support.

The greatest burden of caring for the refugees falls upon Hickman, where people flocked from lowlands of Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. Without the assistance of other towns and the government, we would certainly have been reduced to starvation several days ago, as the provisions in the local stores were not sufficient to meet the emergency and impaired shipping facilities made it a difficult matter to receive shipments.

Hundreds of residences in both Hickman and the bottoms are under water. It will be many days before they can be occupied again. Many houses were swept away in the bottom. Some of the first to go after the break were the residence of Bud Darnell, three houses belonging to A. M. Tyler, L. H. Coombes' store, Chas. Hawk's residence, Willis Cates cotton gin and warehouses, Carl Waggoner's residence and many others. The damage to property owners would be hard to estimate.

BROKE IN GOOD PLACE.

So far as the interests of Hickman are concerned, the government levee broke at a good place. Had it occurred nearer or at town, the current of the river would have been drawn through West Hickman, which as a matter of fact, would have added materially to the damage there. Mengel would have lost \$100,000 worth of lumber, and a large number of west end residences would have been literally demolished and carried away. As it is the water is practically still in the flooded section of the town. The water going through the break in the levee finds an outlet near Tiptonville.

RAILROADS HARD HIT.

The C. M. & G. railroad company has been forced to suspend operation, as water covers many miles of their tracks. In places the tracks have been washed out three miles at a stretch. All along the line their stations are submerged, and the new depot at Hickman stood four feet under water Friday. Their losses will be heavy, and business cannot be resumed for several weeks at best.

The N. C. & St. L. depot and warehouses went under water about six inches after the city levee broke and their entire yards have been covered to a depth of about five feet. They have been stopping their trains in East Hickman since Tuesday of last week, and are now engaged in the erection of a depot out there, tearing down the old wagon factory paint shop to get lumber. They can make no repairs on their West Hickman yards until the water recedes. For the present business will be handled through East Hickman.

Several days last week all train service was cut out on account of washouts between Hickman and Union City.

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Working on the Levee



Portion of the City Levee, showing thousands of sandbags used to repair one of the bad "boils." Work train on crest. It was held until the water got a foot above the top.

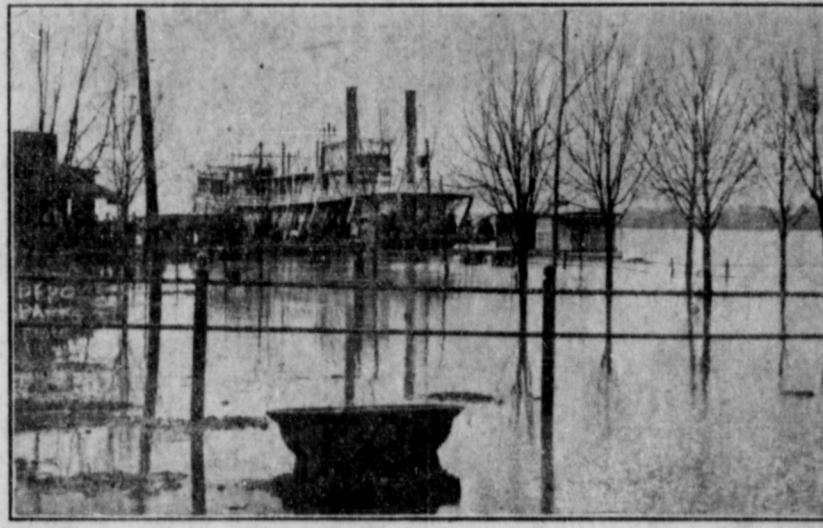
in connection with the awful disaster.

The giving way of this levee means the inundation of thousands of acres of the finest agricultural land in the world. It will be under water anywhere from 2 to 15 feet. In all it is estimated that fully 170 square miles are covered, embracing the entire lower end of this county, a large part of Lake county, Tenn., and a large portion of Obion county, Tenn. The loss will easily amount to \$100,000, even if the planters succeed in getting a crop this year. Live stock perished by the thousands, and any number of frail residences were washed away and dashed to splinters.

This levee, a part of the government's big chain, was the first to give way. In truth, it was the first one subjected to the enormous strain brought to bear. Others below have broken since, showing conclusively that none of the levees were built to stand such an unprecedented stage of

water. No less than 250,000 sacks of sand have been used on this section of the levee—about 20 miles in length. The work was under the supervision of Mr. Brock, government engineer, and the cost of each 24 hours work in the struggle was upwards of \$5,000. The hardships endured by the men—both white and black—will never be known except to those who filled the lines. It requires more than courage—more than a few paltry dollars to incite men to work for days and nights without food, sleep or shelter. These unnamed heroes toiled with a full knowledge that they might at any moment, in the blackness of night, be swept away into the dismal lowlands. But the work continued while the waves and spray dashed over the big embankment, and none deserted. They fought a good fight, but the power of the opposing elements is demonstrated by a sheet of water now visible from the hill tops of Hickman.

R. R. Park Under Water



N. C. & St. L. Railroad Park in the foreground, showing front of depot at left. Water rose two feet higher than is shown in this view.

MESSAGE FROM PERCY JONES

Hickman, Kentucky

Owing to the high water my house is torn up, and I am taking the opportunity to put a new coke oven in my bakery, thus making it one of the best in the State; and am also installing a new \$2,000 Soda Fountain. I will continue business at the old stand. No extra charges have been, or will be made, during the flood, regardless of a report to the contrary by a certain Fulton paper. Thanking the entire public for patronage during the recent disaster, I extend you all a cordial invitation to make Jones' your headquarters.

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REFUGEES IN TENTS.

The city has within her confines now fully 2,000 refugees. Tents were rushed here from Philadelphia by the war department upon request of our county and city officials, who were represented in Washington by our congressman, Ollie James. James made short work of that usual delay in such matters generally known as "red tape." The tents arrived at Union City, Wednesday of last week, accompanied by Capt. O. L. Powers, 3d Ky. Infantry, who on account of a washout, walked from there to Hickman, the tents arriving next day.

Refugees are now comfortably housed in regular army tents. The camps are located in the Carnegie library grounds, the Henry Addition and a negro camp in S. L. Dodds addition east of Hickman. A commissary, in charge of Capt. J. A. Logan, Jr., of the U. S. Army, has been established in the basement of the library, and sufficient rations are now on hand to meet the immediate wants of the flood sufferers and more supplies are coming.

Dr. H. E. Prather, a member of the State Board of Health, was wired to look after the health conditions in the camps, and make daily visits to all tents. So far there is little sickness and no contagious diseases to add to the calamity.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FLOODED.

For the first time in the history of the city, water reached the business houses on Clinton street last week.



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House Of Quality



Looking north, showing top of City Levee barely above water's surface.

This was looked upon as extraordinary but when one after another all the stores on the north side of this street became flooded, real alarm followed. Gradually the water crept into the business street, and Thursday night it got into Schlenker's jewelry store, Leibovitz's furnishing store and lapidary over the door sills in several others. Friday morning the entire street and sidewalks were submerged and row boats gave it an air of the gondolas on the watery streets of Venice. Elevated sidewalks were constructed on the north side to enable people to get to their places of business.

MERCHANTS SCAFFOLDED THEIR GOODS AND STACKED THEIR WARES ON COUNTERS AND HIGH SHELVES. BUSINESS, OF COURSE WAS SUSPENDED, WATER BEING TWO FEET DEEP IN MANY OF THE BUILDINGS. THE DAMAGE TO STOCKS AND FIXTURES WILL BE CONSIDERABLE.

The Clinton street stores which got under water were as follows:

St. Louis Furnishing Co.
Ledford & Randle's Grocery
Sullivan Bros.
E. R. Ellison's Cash Store
E. C. Rice & Co.
F. E. Case & Son
Bettsworth & Prather
Hickman Grocery Co.
A. S. Barkett's Dry Goods Store

Hickman Drug Co.
Feth's Book Store
Baltzer & Dodds Dry Goods Co.
Helm & Ellison's Drug Store
Smith & Amberg
Jos. L. Amberg's Grocery
Millet & Alexander
Naifeh Bros.

Sude M. Naifeh
Cowgill's Drug Store
Schlenker's Jewelry Store
Leibovitz' Furnishing Store

HOUSES BURN IN WATER.

At 12:30 Saturday morning, our citi-

zens were astonished to hear the fire signal for West Hickman—knowing that section to be under water from 2 to 15 feet deep. But the unexpected happened. Four residences, owned by F. M. Provow, actually burned in water fully five feet deep—that is, burned that portion of the houses not submerged. However plentiful the water supply, the blaze could not be stopped.

The fire started in the second story of a house occupied by Will Lentz, who was sleeping there. He says a coal oil lamp exploded, starting the fire. Lentz managed to escape in a boat.

The burning building soon ignited three more near it. All were burned to the water's edge. When the upper half of each house burned, the lower sections floated off their foundations, and they remain—somewhere in West Hickman—as a relic of one of the freaks of the flood. Mr. Provow had some insurance on the buildings, but the contents will be a total loss to the renters.

REFUGEE WEDDING.

Cupid came along with the refugees. There seemed to be a break in the clouds Saturday afternoon when Judge Naylor was called from his duties as special committeeman in flood

relief matters to unite in marriage Allie Newton and Miss Para Lee Kelly, two young lovers and refugees from Missouri. The wedding took place at the Price House, after which the couple returned to the tented city—homeless but happy.

John Dillon, acting Mayor on account of his father's illness, has done two year's ordinary mayoralty service in the past ten days. John made good, alright.

NERVOUS DESPONDENT WOMEN

Find Relief in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound
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So Testify.

Platea, Pa.—"When I wrote to you first I was troubled with female weakness and backache, and was so nervous that I would cry at the least noise. It would startle me so. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies, and I don't have any more crying spells. I sleep sound and my nervousness is better. I will recommend your medicine to all suffering women."



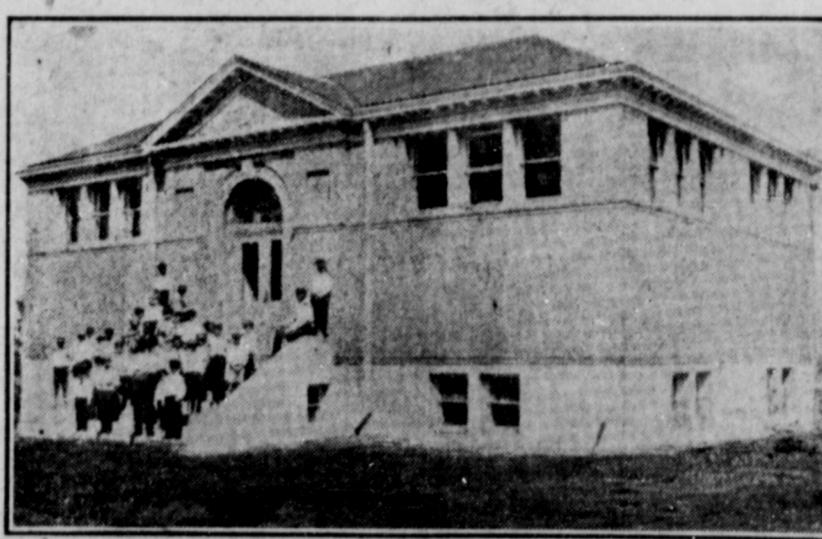
—Mrs. MARY HALSTEAD, Platea, Pa., Box 98.

Here is the report of another genuine case, which still further shows that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound may be relied upon.

Walcott, N. Dakota.—"I had inflammation which caused pain in my side, and my back ached all the time. I was so blue that I felt like crying if any one even spoke to me. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I began to gain right away. I continued its use and now I am a well woman."

—Mrs. AMELIA DAHL, Walcott, N. Dakota.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.



FIVE HUNDRED REFUGEES ARE QUARTERED IN TENTS IN THE LIBRARY GROUNDS. THE BASEMENT IS BEING USED AS A COMMISSARY.

FLOATING NOTES.

Bottom crops will be late.

Wood Stanley's residence, on the Bushart place, has gone off on a vacation.

Hickman's population jumped from 4,000 to 5,000 in less than two weeks. Going some.

Rev. Wilson held services for the benefit of the refugees at the library Sunday afternoon.

The Court House commissary has discontinued and all rations are issued at the Library.

Cast off the hoo-doo and get down to business again. Smile every time the flood is mentioned; give the word "Go Ahead."

The local committees, looking after the flood sufferers, have done most excellent work. Their names appear elsewhere in this issue.

S. L. Dodds has a lot to worry him, but he has not lost sight of others in trouble. He has been running free drays for those not able to hire teams and wagons.

At Walnut Log, Reelfoot Lake, the water is 15 feet deep. Water covers the club house floor to a depth of two feet, although this building rests on high piling.

The ladies' committee on relief work asks for donations of combs and brushes. These are badly needed and the ladies will appreciate donations in this line. Leave them at the First Methodist Church.

The Courier office has been a kind of a combination affair this week—including headquarters for Associated Press, Western Union Telegraph, U. S. War department, telephone office,

winding up with a book store and job printing establishment.

The Str. May Stewart went to Sasafas Ridge, Tuesday morning, in answer to a distress call from 50 people who are hemmed in by the water. Uncle Sam's big family of refugees at Hickman grows daily. More tents have been ordered, and another encampment started in the Rogers Addition.

The Courier covers the flood situation this week in preference to other news matter. Several hundred extra copies have been printed, a large portion of which have been spoken for. If you want extra papers, get them today. They will cost you 5c each or six for 25c.

Let no one lose sight of the fact that the good ladies of Hickman are jewels. But for their prompt action, self sacrifice and untiring efforts, many would have gone hungry and without a place to lay their heads during our recent calamity. They are queens without a crown.

Dr. W. W. Richmond and E. B. Samuels were here from Clinton, Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Richmond is a member of State Board of Health, and was here co-operating with our County Board of Health in the interest of health and sanitation at Hickman during the congestion of population.

Speaking of the flood condition here, Gov. McCreary said Sunday: "There should be speedy efforts to answer all calls for assistance. I have sent a number of tents and men from the State Guard. I have published an appeal for assistance to the sufferers at Columbus and Hickman, and named Logan C. Murray, president of the American National Bank, Louisville, Ky., as treasurer."

Making a Levee of Sandbags



Holding back three feet of water with sandbags, in front of the N. C. & St. L. Depot. This formed a part of the City Levee before the break occurred.

100,000 JAPANESE LIVING IN MEXICO

IT IS SAID THEY ARE VETERANS OF RUSSIAN WAR.

ARE STUDYING THE COUNTRY

\$32,500,000 Has Disappeared From Mexican Treasury, \$700,000 Paid to Brothers of Madero Without Voucher.

New York.—The Mexican commission, which has opened headquarters at the Waldorf to disseminate information concerning Gen. Pasquale Orozco and his revolution against President Madero, announced that an official statement on the Magdalena Bay lease will be issued next Wednesday.

"As to this fishing grant the Japs have cabled about, it may be nothing more than has been held by other governments for years," said Señor Quemper. "But, mind you, we do not know that they have made public everything concerning that grant."

"There are over 100,000 Japanese today in Mexico. They are very military in their carriage, and, as they swarmed to Mexico, shortly after the conclusion of the Japanese-Russian war, we are confident that they are veterans of that campaign. They have obtained a very accurate knowledge of the topography of our country.

"In the Magdalena Bay situation, it will be deplored by our citizens generally if Japan has secured a naval base there, and our good friends in the United States are thus embarrassed. Under the laws of Mexico, sovereignty over territory cannot be transferred to any foreign power. It is doubtful that even Madero would attempt that."

When President Diaz resigned his office there was \$32,500,000 gold in the treasury in Mexico. Within six months' time that money was almost entirely gone, and Mexico had not one single benefit to show from its expenditure. But Mexico does know where part of it went.

Upon the abdication of President Diaz a commission was appointed to adjust any and all claims that might be pressed against the new government. The law specifically required that documentary evidence must be offered in each case to establish a claim. In every instance this was done, with the one notable exception of the claim of Gustavo Madero, the president's brother. He presented a bill for the modest sum of \$700,000 for alleged expenses he had incurred during the operation of the revolution, and that sum was paid him through Madero's influence without the presentation of one single voucher.

STABBED TO DEATH BY WIFE

Wife of New York Sporting Writer Kills Husband With Scissors.

New York.—Walter J. Snyder, wealthy and widely known in the sporting world as editor of sports of the Times, was stabbed to death in his suite in the fashionable apartment house known as Historical Hall. A woman, who asserts she is Mrs. Snyder, and who, with a baffling calmness, admits that the man was killed with a pair of scissors held in her hand, is locked up charged with homicide.

Senator Smith Has Fight. Washington.—Senator Marcus A. Smith, of Arizona, was the principal in a fistie encounter with a negro elevator conductor in the New Ebbitt House. Senator Smith, it is said, wanted to ride down on the elevator, while the negro insisted on finishing his upward trip.

Col. F. G. Schutt, the proprietor, admitted that there was an encounter in the elevator. The newly elected Arizona senator, it is said, gave the negro a severe beating.

Would Die for Suffrage.

Kansas City, Mo.—"The suffragettes in England hope to be killed and sooner or later that will be the result," declared the Rev. Mary E. Andrews, former pastor of the Universalist Church here, in an address to the Equal Suffrage Society.

"Riot, starvation in prison—any means that will bring martyrdom—these English women court and would count death but a stepping stone to victory. It is a price any one of them would be glad to pay if it would advance the cause."

Large can Lemon Cling Peaches, 25c.—Bettsworth & Prather.

EXPORTS OF COTTON GOODS ON INCREASE

GROWTH DURING LAST FEBRUARY FULLY 50 PER CENT.

HIGHER PRICES PREVAILING

During February Total Value of Cotton Exports Was \$5,000,000—Returns for Year Will Probably Make a New High Record.

Washington.—Exports of cotton manufactures from the United States in February this year were 50 per cent larger than in February, 1911, the total value being practically \$5,000,000, against \$3,250,000 for February a year ago. During the eight months ending with February the total was \$32,020,941, against \$26,000,000 for the corresponding period last year, exceeding the total for the corresponding period in any previous year, except 1906, when \$36,972,549 worth was exported.

This is taken to indicate that exports of cotton manufactures for the full fiscal year, ending ninety days hence, will be greater than for any year in the history of the country except 1905 and 1906, when exceptionally high records were made because of an abnormal demand from Manchuria.

Higher prices are largely responsible for the increase this year. The total quantity of cloth exported during the past eight months was 305,000,000 yards, valued at \$20,250,000, while during the first eight months of 1906 the total was 321,000,000 yards, valued at \$31,000,000.

Gains in exports of cotton cloths was particularly marked in the case of China. That country took 13,000,000 yards of American cotton cloth in last February, as compared with 4,000,000 in February a year ago. Exports to the Philippines also more than doubled.

TO ELECT FEDERAL JUDGES

Representative Neely Proposes Constitutional Amendment.

Washington.—A constitutional amendment, providing for the election of federal judges, was proposed in the house of representatives by Neely of Kansas. The resolution, which would require the approval of two-thirds of the members of the house and senate and the ratification by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states in the Union, would amend section 3 of article 3. This section of the constitution authorizes the president to appoint federal judges for life. His appointments are subject to review by the senate.

Mr. Neely's resolution would limit the tenure of office of district judges to six years and provide for their selection by the regularly qualified voters of the district.

English Status Grave.

New York.—Afraid to invest his money in England under present conditions, H. G. Stobart, of London, arrived on his way to the British Northwest. "I confess I'm a pessimist," confessed Mr. Stobart, "but one who understands conditions as they are now in England cannot be otherwise. The country faces a grave condition and every thinking man is preparing to save himself. As fast as I can dispose of my holdings there I am investing them in America."

Mistreated Soldiers.

Washington.—First Lieut. Orra L. Heuser, Philippine Scout, has been dismissed from the service under the recommendation of court-martial, which was approved by President Taft. Charges filed against the officer alleged drunkenness, tying members of his command to stakes without food and water, tying one man to a tree on the edge of a stream so that the soldier was compelled to stand with one foot in water and a number of others, including that he struck, kicked and struck with the handle of a whip some of his fellow scouts.

Cruelty to Children.

Chicago.—Investigators from the state's attorney's office raided the Hull-Hudson Orphan Home, took "Rev." J. H. Hudson, a negro, into custody and sent 26 children found in the institution to charitable institutions. Representatives of the juvenile court, who were responsible for the raid, say they will prosecute Hudson. He is accused of having beaten and otherwise abused the children. Although he derived from \$50 to \$150 a day from their begging on the streets, it is charged he underfed them.

A CHANGE

We are installing machinery for the purpose of changing all of our electrical system to the alternating current.

The "direct current," which has existed in the business district for the operation of electric fans, will be abolished.

All fans, lights, cooking and heating devices, motors, etc., can be operated twenty-four hours per day.

Parties owning direct current fans will do well to list them for sale, as they will not operate on the new current.

All current will be measured by meter.

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Miss Retta Clark, who has been in ill health for several years, went to Louisville last week to enter a sanitarium.

Mrs. A. M. Tyler and little son, Allison, have been visiting in Biloxi, Miss. Mr. Tyler joined them there Sunday.

DO YOU READ? ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Let us Save you Money
on Your Magazines...

In taking advantage of these offers, you must take the Courier with at least one offer. For all other magazines, take one dollar off the price of each one you want. Example: Ainslee's Magazine and the Courier, \$2.30, and All Story Magazine taken, with them costs only \$1 more, or a total of \$3.30.

Following we give a few of our Special Clubbing Offers. The prices include the Courier one year and the publication named one year.

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A. Catholic Orly. Review.....	4.55
American Farmer.....	1.30
American Home Journal.....	1.65
Am. Grocer.....	3.05
Am. Horse Breeder.....	2.65
Am. Journal Medical Science.....	5.30
A. Legal News.....	2.15
American Motorist.....	1.85
Am. Motor News.....	1.70
A. Poultry Journal.....	1.35
A. Sheep Breeder.....	1.85
Apparel Gazette.....	2.75
Architecture and Building.....	2.75
Argosy.....	2.00
Arkansaw Traveler.....	1.40
Automobile Topics.....	1.95
Baseball Magazine.....	2.15
Better Fruit.....	1.65
Billboard.....	4.15
Brann's Icologast.....	1.75
Black Cat.....	1.75
Blue Book Magazine.....	2.35
Bookman.....	3.20
Boot and Shoe Recorder.....	3.30
Boys Magazine.....	1.75
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Courier-Journal Weekly.....	1.50
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Concrete Age.....	1.70
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Dry Goods Reporter.....	3.45
Economist.....	5.70
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Farm and Fireside.....	1.35
Farm and Home.....	1.35
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Field and Stream.....	2.05
Forum.....	3.15
Gas Engine.....	1.75
Girls Companion.....	1.40
Good Housekeeping.....	1.90
Green Book Album.....	2.30
Grit.....	2.65
Harpers Bazar.....	1.90
Harpers Weekly.....	4.35
Harpers Magazine.....	4.25
Home Needlework Mag.....	1.55
Horse World.....	2.85
Humorist.....	1.80
Hunter, Trader and Trapper.....	1.90
Inland Grocer and Butcher.....	2.40
Judge.....	5.20
Kansas City Star Weekly.....	1.25
Keiths Magazine.....	2.80
Ky. Farmer and Breeder.....	2.30
Ladies Home Journal.....	2.50
Ladies World.....	1.40
L'Art de la Mode.....	4.05
Le Bon Ton.....	4.15
Le Costume Royal.....	4.15
Blackwood Magazine.....	3.90
Lippincott's Mag.....	2.60
Literary Digest.....	4.05
Leslies Weekly.....	5.30
Magazine Am. History.....	1.85
Magazine of Mysteries.....	1.25
McCalls Mag. and Pattern.....	1.40
McClures Mag.....	2.05
Memphis Commercial Appeal.....	1.25
Metropolitan Mag.....	2.05
Modern Priscilla.....	1.55
MoToR.....	3.6
MoToR Boating.....	3.65
Munseys Mag.....	2.00
Musical Observer.....	1.75
National Monthly.....	1.70
News-Simitar Weekly.....	1.25
New Idea Womans Mag.....	1.55
New York Clipper.....	4.15
North Am. Review.....	4.35
Outdoor Life.....	2.15
Outdoor Mag.....	3.30
Outlook.....	3.80
Overland Monthly.....	2.05
Pathfinder.....	1.90
Pearsons Magazine.....	2.05
Philistine.....	1.75
Physical Culture.....	2.05
Pictorial Review.....	1.75
Popular Mechanics.....	2.35
Puck.....	5.40
Red Book.....	2.05
Review of Reviews.....	2.65
St. Louis Globe-Dem.....	1.50
Satire.....	4.30
St. Louis Republic.....	1.40
Saturday Evening Post.....	2.50
Scientific American.....	3.30
Scrapbook.....	2.00
Scribner's Mag.....	3.70
Smart Set.....	3.15
Southern Planter.....	1.50
Southern Magazine.....	2.05
Ten Story Book.....	1.75
Tip Top Weekly.....	3.05
Tolettes.....	2.60
Twentieth Century.....	2.40
Travel.....	2.65
Vanity Fair.....	4.25
Woman's Home Companion.....	2.05
World Today.....	2.65
Youths Companion.....	2.65

FOR SALE: Good mare, buggy and harness.—Jno. Kirkindall.

Drink PLEZOL the new drink. It is Healthful and Invigorating.

Roy Clark and wife, of Woodland, spent Sunday here with her parents.

Dr. S. K. Davidson and R. R. Isler, of Memphis, spent Sunday here with home folks.

James Cunningham, of Union City, was here Sunday the guest of Miss Lucille Bondurant.

FOR SALE: A No. 1 Waldron piano—exceptionally good tone. Cheap. See Arch O. Hertweck. 3p

WANTED: Family to make cotton crop of fifteen or twenty acres.—C. B. HERON, McKenzie, Tenn., R4

Monroe Cochran, a mail clerk running into Hickman, and family, of Gleason, Tenn., were sightseers here Monday.

The N. C. & St. L. has a steam shovel at work fixing up the bed of their tracks in W. T. Barton's field, south of town.

When you are happy drink PLEZOL. When you are dry drink PLEZOL. When you look for prosperity drink PLEZOL.

Misses Marguerite Fuqua, Homer Green and several other young ladies were shopping in Union City one day last week.

Mrs. Chas. Moore returned to her home in Union City Monday after a several days visit with her son, C. H. Moore, and family.

Mrs. J. R. Ford, of Cairo, has been spending several days here with her parents, O. Hertweck and wife, and sister, Mrs. Percy Jones.

Mrs. Percy Jones name is not among the cash donations, but he has given more than his share in the way of bread and other supplies.

Mrs. J. Ross Cheshire, of Nashville arrived last week to visit her parents, D. B. Wilson and wife, and sister, Mrs. F. T. Randle.

E. P. Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross, was sent here by the war department, and has been rendering valuable services to the flood stricken population.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25¢ and 50¢ per bottle. Sold by Hickman Drug Co.

The Courier has been somewhat handicapped this week because the day current has been off and we could not run our machinery. We will possibly get lined up again within the next week.

A mule got off a raft in Missouri last week and swam the river, a distance of 2 miles landing on the levee below town. The animal was caught by Chas. Griswold. That is a valuable brand of mule for bottom farmers.

John Fethie has purchased the interest of his partner, Tom French, in the book and stationery store, which has been run the past year under the firm name of Fethie & French. Mr. Fethie is now sole proprietor of this old establishment.

The people of Hickman and Columbus and other stricken Kentucky localities do not need tooth powder nor rouge nor combs and brushes nor manicure sets just at present. They need bread and meat and bedding.—Paducah News-Democrat.

Sheriff Johnson arrested W. F. Perry and two sons, George and Commodore, near Mabel, charged with taking goods from L. H. Coombs' store. A large quantity of the goods—flour, lard, etc.—was found hidden in a barn. All three men were lodged in the county jail Monday.

Managing Editor Brown, of the Louisville Times, a big man in both heart and intellect, dropped in Tuesday and dropped a bunch of \$5 bills among the needy and slipped out. His intention was to avoid notoriety—but he is just the kind of fellow folks like to hear about.

The Wells-Fargo & Co. express today notified the interstate commerce commission, in conformity with the law, that it would transport free of charge donations of tents, supplies, money, food or clothing for the flood sufferers. This applies also to government supplies.

FLOOD VIEWS at Pullen's Picture Gallery. Mail orders promptly filled. Post cards 75¢ a dozen, 4 for 25¢. 10x12 of city and West Hickman 50¢. 10x12 of Refugee Camp and river 50¢. Everything photographic. Headquarters for kodakers. All rights reserved to the use of my photos.—J. M. Pullen.

FINANCIAL AID.

After securing tents for us, "Our Ollie" proceeded to engage the government authorities in the consideration of sending financial aid to Hickman. As a result of his efforts, Hickman received an appropriation of \$10,000 and about 30,000 rations. Following this, Cong. Russell, of Missouri, procured \$7,000 for the benefit of citizens of his state who had taken refuge on the high grounds of Hickman, and were on the charity of the city. These appropriations were indeed timely and will lighten the load carried by local charities. Capt. Jas. A. Logan, Jr., has been sent here to look after the government's expenditure of the relief fund, and Maj. Jas. E. Normoyle, quartermaster, has charge of sending in supplies. A part of this money is to be expended in necessary comforts—clothing, bedding etc.—as hundreds of people were forced to flee from their homes with only what they had on their backs. The base of supplies for all the flooded towns—Columbus, Hickman, Tiptonville, Charleston, New Madrid and Wickliffe—has been established here. The Nakomis arrived here Wednesday with rations and forage for all these towns.

The work of allotting rations the first few days lent a pitiful aspect to the disaster of the flood, bringing to a full realization its damaging extent. The bread lines were filled with women and children and men—all colors—who were deprived of homes and food, except that provided by charity, and whose faces depicted the keen sting of being reduced to poverty. Many were in line, who, previous to the flood, were comfortably established in life, but their fortunes were swept away, leaving them to begin life's struggle over again.

Contributions to Hickman's relief fund have been received as follows:

The following amounts have been received by Henry L. Amberg, treasurer of the Relief Fund:

Mrs. Maggie Randle.....	5.00
Mrs. Alice Amberg.....	5.00
Cumberland Tel. Co.....	10.00
H. C. Helm.....	20.00
R. A. Tyler.....	100.00
Gen. H. A. Tyler.....	100.00
Judge W. A. Naylor.....	5.00
Will Helm.....	2.00
Tom Berry.....	5.00
Mrs. Jno. Gardner.....	5.00
Rev. G. W. Wilson.....	7.00
Bishop Woodcock.....	60.00
Misses B. and A. Dodds.....	10.00
Elks Lodge Fulton.....	50.00
S. T. Roper.....	5.00
Mr. Stone, Union City.....	5.00
Will Preuett.....	1.00
Ky. Litho. Co., Louisville.....	50.00
Masonic Lodge, Fulton.....	50.00
Rev. W. T. Bolling, Fulton.....	10.00
R. H. Baker, St. Louis.....	10.00
F. W. Caspecke Cincinnati.....	10.00
G. H. Effinger.....	10.00
Bishop C. E. Woodcock.....	30.00
Eliza R. Coleman, Louisville.....	10.00
Mrs. L. T. Crutchfield, Trenton American Red Cross.....	500.00
C. E. Rice, Fulton.....	25.00
Mont Rose Church, Fulton.....	10.51
T. P. Fortune, Memphis.....	10.00
Smith & Amberg.....	20.00
Baltzer & Dodds D. G. Co.....	20.00
W. A. Dodds.....	10.00
C. M. Yates.....	5.00
Pettersworth & Prather.....	5.00
Sullivan Bros.....	5.00
A. F. Wright.....	3.00
G. R. Wright.....	1.00
A. J. Hunziker.....	1.00
J. A. Thompson.....	5.00
Steve Stahr.....	2.50
Robt. Jackson.....	.25
B. C. Ramage.....	1.00
J. R. Brooks.....	1.00
E. R. Ellison.....	5.00
Edkman Courier.....	5.00
Ed White, Union City.....	1.00
Jas. T. Owen.....	1.00
Amos Matheny.....	2.00
T. T. Swayne.....	2.50
R. M. Isler.....	2.50
Cash.....	6.00
Mon' Ward.....	1.00
J. N. Garrett.....	1.00
H. A. DeBow.....	2.50
S. M. Naifeh.....	5.00
Cowgills Drug Store.....	10.00
Mrs. Will Helm.....	1.00
Cash.....	2.50
Theo. Vaughn.....	.25
Jas. K. Thompkins.....	1.00
Dan Brown.....	.25
R. V. McConnell.....	.50
C. G. Schlenker.....	25.00
F. E. Case & Son.....	10.00
St. Louis Fur Co.....	2.50
M. B. Shaw.....	2.50
W. F. Montgomery.....	1.00
H. E. Curlin.....	1.00
J. W. Ward.....	

INFRINGING, THIEVING.

A number of people have undertaken to impose on charity during the present crisis. A Courier representative witnessed an instance when a woman took her turn in the bread line and undertook to draw supplies for two days. The investigating committee found that she had \$900 in a local bank. Other cases have been reported but caution is being used to keep out those unworthy.

It is reported that human hyenas have been busy robbing residences of furniture, etc., where the occupants were forced to leave their belongings and seek safety. The thieves get about in boats, and in the guise of a rescuing party, are merely taking it for themselves. These thugs will be hunted down later and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

OTHER TOWNS SUFFER.

The break in the levee on the Missouri side has put Mississippi county in bad shape. Charleston is filled with refugees and are receiving attention from the government. East Prairie has suffered to a large extent by the back water. New Madrid, Tiptonville, Columbus and Wickliffe are in dire straits. They are likewise receiving federal aid, and will suffer in about the same measure as Hickman. The little village of Dorena, unprotected at any time, has been under water for weeks, only the roofs of their houses being visible, and some of them have washed away. J. O. King lost house and everything. W. M. Bradley lost two houses, J. R. Bryant lost two, Clarence White one, Locust Grove school house went, and several others. Two small residences, furnished, are said to have lodged near Bayouville.

WAREHOUSE GONE.

Thursday afternoon, the old Lee Line warehouse, which was standing in water up to the roof, broke up and floated away, with the exception of a small portion which was added to the main building last summer and used as an office. The old shack had been emptied by Agent McGuire and the loss of the building is about the only blessing enjoyed as a result of the high water. The part which remains is leaning like the tower of Pisa, and will likely take a tumble when the water goes down a little more. The large floor of the main building was last seen going down the river with

Warehouse Slightly Submerged



Picture of Lee Line Wharf before she broke up and washed away. All that now remains of it is the portion shown to the right of the chimney.

a freight truck riding her on south.

"RE-CONSTRUCTION DAYS."

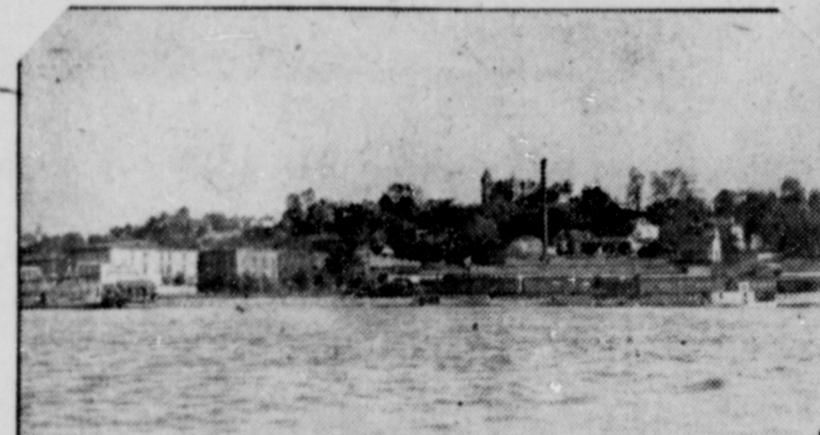
Although somewhat different from what is understood by the old phrase, we are facing re-construction days, just the same.

As the water recedes, our people are beginning to untangle the threads of business and social activity.

Merchants whose places of business have been left filled with mud and generally torn up, are taking hold to place things in order, and re-establish their business. Factories will

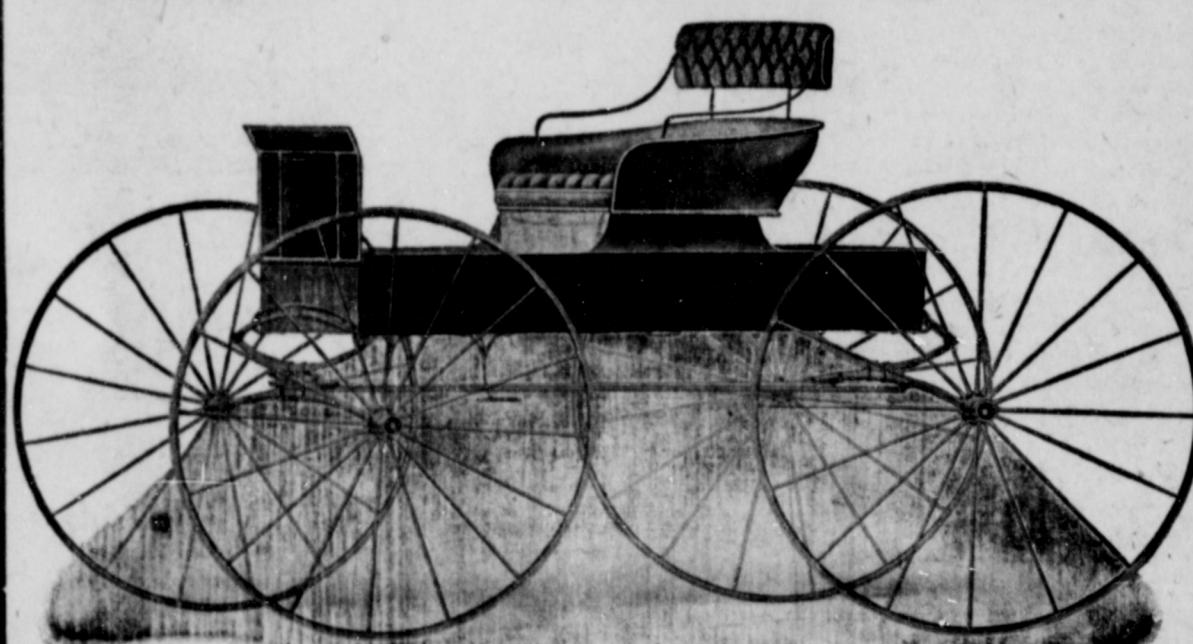
resume business just as soon as circumstances will permit. Our planters who have been large losers, are looking on the bright side of things and will enter upon the task of re-construction with all energy and hope of future prosperity. The only way to hold Hickman down is to wipe her off the face of the earth. We have lost many, many thousands, but we are game losers—if we must—and will come again. The loss of a single battle will never make us surrender. It may take years to get conditions normal again; yet slowly but surely, they will be built up. Our losses can

Above High Water



This is a view of Hickman from the river, showing hills above the high water's reach.

..BUGGIES..



We have too many Buggies and Buggy Harness for a drowned out country. You will, for the cash, save from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per buggy by buying from us now.

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As Spring Approaches

You Think More About That New Suit

Don't worry about it, but come in now and let me show you the swellest line you have ever seen. My new, 1912 collection of Spring and Summer Suits were never prettier, it embraces every new color and pattern in novelties, blue and fancy serges, and the more conservative styles.

I would be pleased to have you call and inspect my line, and feel sure I can please you.

Splendid showing of Shoes, Shirts, Hats, Caps, Underwear and Furnishings.

Leibovitz
MEN'S COMPLETE OUTFITTER

Where Quality Reigns Higher than Price.

Fulton County Court House



Which was converted into a Commissary, suspending county business to hand out food to the destitute.

all be attributed to breaks in levees. They were never built to hold such a stage of water and when they were filled, like a cup, nothing could happen but the pouring over of the water. The government will build those levees high enough to stand the strain if they must use gold bricks. It is true that levees have proven a curse in this instance, but it has taught us a lesson in levee construction. Probably not within another century will the Missouri, the upper Mississippi, the Wabash, the Ohio, the Cumberland and the Tennessee rise simultaneously. If they do, however, they can rise little more than they have this year—54 feet at Cairo. As furnishers of flood waters these rivers did their mightiest in 1912.

A FALSE REPORT.

Some uninformed malicious individual wrote a lot of "dope" for the Fulton Leader of the 8th, saying that Hickman was next to overstocked with food, clothing and tents for the refugees here, and that the situation was nothing like as bad as reports indicated. The entire article is preposterous from the first em quad to the last period, and the good citizens of Hickman are much wrought up over the spreading of a report that indicates that we are running a game of graft. On the day that paper was published, the commissary at Hickman fed 2,028 people, to say nothing of those being taken care of in private homes at the individual expense of those who are fortunate enough to have homes to share with the

homeless. Hickman is not asking a thing that is not actually needed. It is with a sense of deep mortification that any of our people must accept aid from charity, but this doesn't lessen in the fact that it had to be done—and still continues. To the good people of Fulton, who out of boundless sympathy and goodness of heart, opened their purses and came to the relief of their neighbors in distress, the Courier will state, that the article referred to is misleading and false, and that the money received has been used for relief work only. Later a financial statement will be published to show where every cent of it was spent.

The government now has the matter well in hand, and is supplying shelter and food, but clothing, shoes and dozens of other things necessary to physical comfort are being supplied by local charities as best we can, since relief funds from the outside, as well as Hickman, have been practically exhausted.

While hundreds of visitors and sightseers spent Sunday in Hickman, proprietors of cafes, restaurants, hotels and soda fountains tell us that that man tells a falsehood who states that they charged a penny over their regular rates in any instance. J. O. West, proprietor of the La Clede, says in many cases he charged only 25¢ for meals, while 50¢ is the regular rate, and that a number of people from the washout districts were fed free of charge. People from Fulton were given rooms without extra cost.

The statement that a Hickman liv-

er charged a driver of a relief wagon from Fulton \$1.85 a bale for hay and 5¢ a ear for corn, has been branded as a lie by Acting Mayor J. T. Dillon, who personally gave orders to the liveryman, Mr. Kimbro, that these men were not to be charged a cent for caring for their teams. Three wagons brought supplies to Hickman, and Mr. Dillon says the drivers were charged with nothing; neither meals nor feed.

It is also untrue that the employees of the Mengel Box Co. are drawing half salary.

Why the necessity of publishing such an uncalled-for, damaging report we are unable to understand.

The biggest losses in Lake county will be their live stock. Government men have been helping to rescue their stock this week.

Chest Pains and Sprains

Sloan's Liniment is an excellent remedy for chest and throat affections. It quickly relieves congestion and inflammation. A few drops in water used as a gargle is antiseptic and healing.

Here's Proof

"I have used Sloan's Liniment for years and testify to its wonderful efficiency. I have used it for sore throat, croup, lame back and rheumatism and in every case it gave instant relief."

REBECCA JANE ISAACS,
Lucy, Kentucky.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

is excellent for sprains and bruises. It stops the pain at once and reduces swelling very quickly.

Sold by all dealers.

Price, 25c, 50c, \$1.00



Note] Being unable to supply the demand for papers last week, we re-print the following extracts from the Courier of April 4th

CITY LEVEE BREAKS.

After an all week's fight against the encroaching waters of the rapidly rising Mississippi river by hundreds of men working day and night, the levee which protects the west section of town broke Monday night at 15 minutes to eight o'clock.

The break occurred near the upper entrance to the yards of the Mengel Box factory. When first discovered, a small slice of the earthworks, probably three feet wide and as many feet deep, had sluffed out. All hands were hurried to this point, and a distress signal given. The most desperate fight of the many days past was waged here. Sand bags, railroad ties, lumber and everything else obtainable that might form an obstruction to the muddy torrent were hurled into the breach. These were whisked away like dry leaves by the pressure of the enormous wall of pent-up water, extending back for forty miles. Men fought with Spartan courage even as the gap widened, and only after the place had reached a width of thirty feet did the workers surrender their task. It seemed as though the element had combined against the strength of man. A downpour of rain continued throughout the day Monday and commenced with renewed energy shortly after dark, possibly two hours before the crisis, adding dismay to the almost hopeless task of the tired workers, who had paced the muddy crest of the levee for many hours. So ceaseless was the work that many of the men did not leave the levee for their meals, but ate their lunch there in the rain. The major portion of these workers consisted of the Mengel Box force, under Col. Walker, railroad crews under Mr. Perkins, or the N. C. & St. L. and volunteers from among our citizens.

When it was seen that the levee could not be held, the men hastened to districts threatened by the overflow and warned people of their danger. At the breaking point, fortunately, the water took two courses; one began filling the huge basin inside the railroad "Y," while the other divided and followed a course west of the C. M. & G. railroad. This gave more time for folks to get to places of safety. Had the levee given away farther east, the current of the river would naturally have swept through the main residence section of West Hickman, causing heavy loss of both life and property. As the water backed slowly in filling the streets and covering the sidewalks, women and children retreated to higher grounds, leaving their homes to the fate of the waters. Long before all were out, the roar of the water coming through the break was terrific. This, mingled with the distressing cry of women and children, the shouts of men, thunder and whistles, created a din that will not be forgotten soon by those present.

Long before day the entire west section was filled to the level of the river. Only roofs of some houses are now visible, and stores are filled to such an extent that stocks will be almost a complete loss.

GREATEST WATER KNOWN.

The river today stands higher than was ever known. The last reading of the Cairo gauge gave 53.6. The great flood of 1883 only reached 52.2, and when the same figure was reached last Sunday morning, the water was much higher here than 30 years ago. This is accounted for by reason of the levees "bottling" up the water. Had the flood stage of 1883 not been passed this time, our city levee would have held—it did hold when the water was a foot higher. Government levees are undergoing a severe strain all up and down the river, and in several places they have given way. Continued heavy rains since the river began rising three weeks ago over the Mississippi Valley is supposed to have been the prime factor in this record-breaking water. The oldest inhabitant says the water is now two feet deep in places that were always heretofore "high and dry" during flood stages.

RESCUERS GOT BUSY.

Immediately following the warning that the levee had broken, parties under the direction of Rev. H. J. Geiger began a house-to-house canvas in West Hickman rescuing those who were not apprised of their danger. Wading water waist deep in many places, people were carried out. Among others were a lady and her babe one day old. Several sick people had to be carried out through the rain and rising water to places of safety. The more daring of the male population rushed to the stricken section and with willing hands helped to save the property of those who entertained hopes that the levee would hold. Penetrating the extreme west portion of Hickman was a daring piece of business, for in the darkness no one could tell whether or not the



Hickman Wagon Co., showing some of the buildings in which water is standing three feet deep

water was closing in behind them cutting off a retreat, all the streets at the time being covered with a sheet of rain and river water. Several people were taken from the second story of their homes yesterday, and now all seem to be safe. Several of the Mengel men, including Gus Moore, were trapped by the water and could not get out of the factory building. Searching parties found them asleep at daylight, in the second story of the building. At about the same time a frame residence was seen to go down the middle of the river with people on the roof. They are said to have been rescued below town.

Ed and Wess Adams, while making trips in a launch Monday night, to a church building opposite Hickman bringing people across, had the batteries on the boat give out which stopped their engine. They drifted in among some trees where they were compelled to spend the night in the rain. They finally attracted attention on this side of the river and were rescued. It was a fearful night and one can hardly imagine the hardship of waiting for daylight and knowing their families were behind the levee which had broken, as they could easily hear the distress whistle but could not get here.

The river is upwards of forty miles wide here now and people residing in the remote sections, who have succeeded in getting to Hickman, are telling some very tragic stories.

LOSS MANY THOUSANDS.

It would be a difficult matter to estimate the loss to this immediate vicinity caused by the high water; but very few people will get the amount exaggerated. Col. Walker says the Mengel Box Co. will lose approximately \$50,000. Other interests in Hickman will suffer proportionately. Residents of the bottoms will sustain great losses in the way of live stock, fences, buildings, crops, etc. Hickman and her territory will get a setback of upwards of a half million dollars.

COMMUNICATION CUT OFF.

Communication with the outside world has been badly hampered, in fact, almost cut off for the past two days. Telephone lines are out and telegraph wires are in bad shape. Failure yesterday to learn anything as to the government's prediction of the stage of water above caused considerable anxiety, and several business houses, seemingly above the flood line were scaffolded to make sure. On account of washouts between Hickman and Union City, railroad service was out yesterday, hence no express or mail. The principal trouble was the washing out of a trestle, 90 feet long, near Shuck Switch.

CLINTON STREET FLOODED.

Saturday the water began backing up to the business houses on the north side of Clinton street, and hope of keeping the water outside the railroad, further east than the depot, was abandoned. In consequence, the water has been crawling into one store after another since Sunday morning, at which time it went into the Hickman Drug Co. store. Merchants have worked night and day trying to get their goods up out of reach of the water, but in some instances have not been successful. The stores in which water is now standing are:

Helm & Ellison.
Baltzer & Dodds Drg Goods Co.
Hickman Drug Co.
Matheny & Plant.
Feth & French.
Bettsworth & Prather.

F. E. Case & Son.
E. C. Rice.
E. R. Ellison.
Sullivan Bros.
Ledford & Randle.
St. Louis Furnishing Co.
Sude M. Naifeh.
Smith & Amberg.

Before night water will be in the stores of Faris Naifeh, J. L. Amberg and Cowgill's Drug Store.

In many of the floors the water is from 12 to 15 inches deep. On the north side of Clinton street in front of the stores mentioned, the sidewalk are under water, and water is now well up in this street. On Water street, gasoline launches are running with ease.

CARING FOR REFUGEES.

The citizens and city authorities have their hands full looking after those who have been rendered homeless. Homes on the hill have been thrown open to refugees, and halls, churches, barns and all manner of structures that will shelter man or beast have been pressed into service.

Two hundred tents have been furnished by the war department through the efforts of Ollie M. James. These tents were shipped by Adams express but have not reached us yet. They will possibly get here by tomorrow. Hickman is really in dire straits, and if there is not a change in the present situation in a very short time we will be forced to ask state aid. Hundreds of men are out of work, and are at the mercy of charity for food and clothing.

A mass meeting was held Monday afternoon at the Lyric, and committees were appointed to look after each section of town. East Hickman committee, L. C. Lunsford and Geo. Carpenter; Old Hickman, Sid Hamby and W. A. Dodds, West Hickman, Policemen John Wright and Bun Hackett. These men are authorized to take subscriptions or donations of every description for the benefit of the refugees. Rev. H. J. Geiger is chairman of these committees, and may be communicated with in regard to all matters of charity.

If you have spare rooms, or room in any shape, and can take care of one or more people, notify any of the committees. The Ladies Committee is composed of Mesdames E. B. Prather, S. L. Dodds, A. A. Faris, Jr., C. F. Baltzer, Jessie Dillon, Maggie Randle, Ida DeBow and Bonnie Lucas. Rev. Wilson, Rev. Geiger and Judge Naylor are an Investigating Committee. Committee to assign rooms any of the police force. H. L. Amberg was made treasurer for all relief funds and same may be sent direct to him. A committee of negroes—like Bowden, Rev. Pipkins and Rev. O. Durrett—will look after the negro sufferers.

For the past ten days boats of every description, especially ferryboats, have been running day and night bringing people and live stock from the bottoms. Monday the boatmen refused to devote any more time to trying to get the stock, and were kept busy getting people out of the flooded lands. Hundreds of head of stock in Mississippi county, Mo., opposite Hickman, were left to perish—the water gradually getting deeper on them until they were either chilled to death or drowned.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

Practically all business in Hickman has suspended. The Mengel Box Co.'s 1000 men are all out of work, the wagon factory suspended work last week when the water got up in their shops, cotton gins, brick yards, timber business and three-fourths of the stores

are out of business. Shipments of no kind can be made by either river or rail. The spring building season had just opened and this work has stopped. Farmers are unable to do anything, and will be tied up for some weeks to come.

FLOOD NOTES.

Many people waited so long before trying to move out of West Hickman that teams waded water belly-deep in getting to some of the residences.

Most of the houses in the flooded district which were scaffolded up (furniture raised to a height that they thought would be above the water) turned out to be a bad job. Furniture in many of these residences is said to be floating around in the rooms.

The Mengel Box Co. took their men out of the mills Saturday and put them on the city levee work. The fight on this levee for the past ten days has cost an average of \$1,000 a day. Col. Walker, Mr. Perkins, the City Board and Policemen, together with every man, white or black, who stood by that levee work day and night, hungry and wet, deserve the sincere thanks of the citizens of Hickman, and the Courier appoints itself a committee of one to express our appreciation.

They made a gallant fight, and had the water stopped at anything like a former flood line, they would have won. But just the same, our hats are off to them. They did all they could—angels could do no more. The same may be applied to the Fulton County Levee Board and their faithful men—but not to the negroes who went down there yesterday with a six-shooter prodding them to the call of duty.

Refugees began taking possession of the churches Monday.

Water went into the N. C. depot last night and is now about two inches deep. The C. M. & G. depot is still visible.

13,000 sacks arrived yesterday afternoon and this morning for use on the government levee. 70 men and a car of sacks are due in today.

Harris Fork, a small creek in Fulton, has been on a rampage and water rose three feet deep in several of the stores. Being unprepared for such an emergency, the damage to stocks will be almost as great as the water damage to Hickman stores.

E. G. Russell was caught on the Missouri levee Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock by breaks in the levee. He was unable to reach his boat and stayed on the small embankment until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with out food or sleep.

The levee between Hickman and Tiptonville is still holding as we go to press. Jno. Wiley, W. A. Johnston, H. C. Helm, C. T. BonDurant, S. L. Dodds, D. B. Wilson, T. A. Ledford, A. M. Tyler, T. T. Swayne and others are making a hard fight to save it. It is hard to get sufficient help. Some of the idle men who should willingly volunteer to help, are asking \$2.50 a day and board before they will hit a lick. Some of these very fellows will be living on the charity of the people if we are not careful. Watch them.

Pres. Thomas, of the N. C. & St. L., came down in his special car yesterday to look over the flood situation and to give us whatever assistance possible. He thinks train service will be resumed today.



View of the Mengel grounds, a short distance below where the levee gave way. This concern will be the biggest loser in the Hickman overflow.



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